



## MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

### TERMINAL ISOLATION ROOM CLEANING

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- I. PURPOSE:** To establish specific procedures for special cleaning of isolation rooms after a patient vacates them.
- II. POLICY:** The MSH Housekeeping Services staff will disinfect isolation rooms after each use to eliminate the possibility of cross contamination and effectively reduce the existence of pathogens.
- III. DEFINITIONS:**
  - A. Terminal cleaning – thorough, extensive cleaning and disinfection of an isolation room after the patient is discharged from that room.
- IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:**
  - A. Housekeepers are responsible for cleaning terminal isolation rooms.
  - B. The Housekeeping Manager will:
    - 1. Ensure procedures are in place to meet licensing and accreditation standards for cleaning isolation rooms.
    - 2. Evaluate the performance of each employee.
    - 3. Ensure all housekeepers are familiar with the Infection Control policies and procedures.
  - C. The Infection Control Nurse will be available as a resource to housekeeping staff.
  - D. Nursing Staff will notify housekeeping when an isolation room is ready or needs cleaning.
- V. PROCEDURE:**
  - A. Terminal Isolation Room Cleaning: Housekeeping staff will carry out principles of infection control as outlined in the *Exposure Control Plan* by:
    - 1. wearing personal protective clothing

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